

Costs and Financial Aid for Military Personnel, Veterans, and Dependents

We offer personalized assistance for military personnel, veterans, and their family members seeking financial aid and general support. The Office of Records and Registration serves as the contract for veterans and dependent benefits.

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Applying for VA Benefits

Once you have submitted your [application for admission](#) to Dillard University, you should apply for your VA Education Benefits (GI Bill).

New Students

- To apply, complete the Veterans Online Application ([VONAPP](#)).
- If you are a spouse or dependent applying for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the service member must first request a [transfer of benefits](#) before you submit the VONAPP.

Transfer Students

- If you received VA benefits at another school, you will need to submit a change on the Veterans Online Application ([VONAPP](#)).

Prior to beginning the application process, you will need to gather some important documents. Review the chart to see which documents you may need depending on the benefit you are applying for.

The VA Regional Office in Muskogee, OK will process your application and notify you by mail.

Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing. For questions about your status contact the VA Regional Office at 1-888-442-4551. If you are eligible for VA benefits, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Copies of this, as well as the other documents listed in the [chart](#) will need to be turned in to the LSU Eunice Veterans Affairs Office in order to begin receiving benefits.

Current rates of payment for VA Education Benefits may be found at:

http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Handouts and Forms may be found at:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts_forms.asp#educationhandouts

Veterans and Dependents Educational Benefits

Certification of Veterans Educational Benefits-Every Semester

After registering for classes, each student is required to complete a Request for Enrollment Certification Form. This form is available in Rosenwald Hall, room 116 and/or myDU. After completion, Records and Registration will certify you on the VA-Once online system for VA educational benefits. It is important that this form be completed at the beginning of each semester because the VA Regional Office requires up to 10 weeks to complete the certification process.

Monthly Verification of Enrollment

Veterans receiving Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607 must verify their enrollment at the end of each month. All other recipients are not required to verify. You can [verify your enrollment online](#) or call 877-823-2378. You will not receive payment until you have verified your enrollment each month.

Reporting Changes in Enrollment

If you add or drop a class, it is reported to Veterans Affairs. Failure to report changes is viewed as a serious matter by the Department of Veterans Affairs. You will be required to pay back any benefits that you received as a result of overpayment.

Reporting Changes in Programs or Majors

You must notify Veterans' Affairs of any change in program or major by logging on to the [Veterans On-Line Application \(VONAPP\)](#) website and completing a 'Form 1995-Request for Change of Program' form.

Important Veterans Contact Information

VA Certifying Official at Dillard University:

[Mr. Robert Mitchell, Jr.](#) 504-816-4705, Fax: (504-816-4391), e-mail rvmitchell@dillard.edu

Veterans Affairs Regional Office/Information:

1-888-442-4551 (press "1" then "0" to be connected to a telephone professional)

Veterans Affairs Monthly Certification:

1-877-823-2378 or <http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>

Louisiana Veterans Affairs Office:
1-877-GEAUXVA

Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation/Louisiana Office/Chapter 31 Recipients:
317-916-3746 or

Go Army Ed Help Desk:
1-800-817-9990

Note: It is the responsibility of the student to provide a copy of their Go Army Ed Tuition Assistance (TA) Authorization to our office.

Reserves Called to Active Duty & Military Withdrawal Policy Concerning Students Called to Active Military Duty

All students called to active duty during the first half of semester will be officially withdrawn, and a full refund of fees will be made. All students called to active duty after the first half of the semester may:

- withdraw and receive a full refund of tuition (issuance of grades would be at the discretion of the instructor) or
- request incomplete grades, and if granted, complete the course upon return to the university

Graduate students will be granted an extension of time to complete degree requirements equivalent to the period of active duty, but in no event to exceed four years.

How to Transfer Your Military Credit to Dillard University

Please contact Mr. Thomas Steffen in the Dillard University Office of Recruitment, Admissions and Programs for questions regarding the transfer of military credit. Mr. Steffen can be reached at 504-816-4951 or tsteffen@dillard.edu.

GI Bill Education Benefits

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard Veterans National Guard, Reservists, and Eligible Dependents

- **CHAPTER 30:** Must have entered active duty after July 1, 1985, and contributed \$100 per month during the first year of service to the Montgomery GI Bill.
- **CHAPTER 31:** For Vocational Rehabilitation benefits eligibility you must have served on or after September 16, 1940. For additional eligibility requirements, call 800-827-1000.
- **CHAPTER 32:** Must have entered active duty between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, and contributed to the Veterans Educational Assistance Program.
- **CHAPTER 33:** Post 911 benefits currently awaiting final eligibility requirements.
- **CHAPTER 1606:** For National Guard and Reserve members with a 6-year commitment. Contact your National Guard or Reserve Unit to verify your eligibility.
- **CHAPTER 1607:** On or after September 11, 2001, if the member served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for 90 consecutive days or more. Contact your National Guard or Reserve Unit to verify your eligibility.
- **LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD:** For information and eligibility requirements about Indiana National Guard Tuition Assistance, call 318-641.5600.

GI Bill® education benefits are valid for only 10 years from date of separation from active duty and 14 years for Guard/Reserves while serving. When calling the VA regional office (888-442-4551/ GIBILL1) for eligibility, have your service/Social Security number and birth date available. If eligible, contact the company's human resources or apprenticeship coordinator.

You may also speak to a VA counselor at 800-827-1000. Be specific as to the program/career you are pursuing.

Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program

Criteria for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® Yellow Ribbon Program:

- Eligible for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits at the 100% level
- Maintain good academic standing at Ball State (2.0 GPA for undergraduates, 3.0 for graduate students)
- Be admitted full or part-time as a degree-seeking student with tuition and fee charges above the VA's maximum in-state undergraduate rate
- Be an out-of-state (non-Indiana) resident
- Dillard University will award up to \$4,000 per academic year (up to \$2,000 per standard fall and spring semester) to be matched by the VA for up to twenty (20) qualified students each year. **Awards to qualified applicants are on a first-come basis.**

Yellow Ribbon students will NOT be eligible for any other institutional aid.

Applications for the Yellow Ribbon program are currently being accepted. Please follow up your application with proof of Chapter 33 application. Students must forward their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) as soon as it becomes available. Funds will not be disbursed until the COE is received by the Office of Records and Registration..

Once selected for the Yellow Ribbon program at Ball State, students will be funded each year they are in their current program of study (i.e., until their degree is awarded) AS LONG AS DILLARD UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO RENEW ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE VA EACH YEAR. Ball State has the right to reduce awards or discontinue the program at the end of each academic year. Students must remain continuously enrolled each fall and spring semester to maintain their award. Exceptions will be made for those called up for military duty.

To proceed and submit an application for the Dillard University Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program, visit the Office of Records and Registration, Rosenwald Hall, room 116.

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